

51st Year for Grayling Winter Sports Festival



A SNOW STATUE—(circa 1930's) built during Grayling's Winter Sports Carnival.

Special Ski - Potluck Night At Bear Mountain Thursday

(By Mike Steele, C.C. Mgr.)

If you are tired of looking at the same four walls every time you sit down to eat, the Winter Sports Carnival has an event you will want to attend. The Potluck Dinner/Ski Night, 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5th, will be an evening filled with good food and skiing. If you have never skied, here is the perfect opportunity to try.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the warming lodge at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. To insure a variety of food, in sufficient quantities each family is asked to bring a dish that will feed a group twice as large as their family. Those families with the last name beginning with the letter A-I are asked to bring a meat dish or casserole, J-R a vegetable, and S-Z a dessert.

Each person is asked to bring their own place settings and beverage, no alcohol please.

There will be a slight reduction in the tow ticket price: Adult \$2.50 equipment, \$1.00 tow ticket; Children \$2.25 equipment, \$1.00 tow ticket.

Hope to see you out for the kick off of the 51st Winter Sports Carnival. A weekend of true community involvement.

Downhill Ski Race for Youth

A Downhill Ski Race for Grayling's school age children is planned for the 51st Winter Sports Festival. The race will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7th at the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

The race will be run on a giant slalom course, and will be divided by grade levels, in the Junior Division. Students 16 years and older will be in the senior division.

All students registering prior to noon Friday, February 6th will receive a certificate of achievement. Skiers may register at the Grayling Winter Sports Park or at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, located in the City Building. Registration fee is \$1.00 per person.

Members of the Grayling High School ski team may not participate in this event as it may jeopardize their eligibility.

Lose to Blazers-Saints

Rogers City Here Friday

With only four games remaining, the Grayling Vikings are still looking for their first victory of the season before entering tournament play at Roscommon the first week in March.

It has been just one of those years, coach Fred Wolcott said, the guys have hustled all the way, and have never given up. A couple games that were close, had we won them, it could have turned things all around for us, he added.

In their last two outings, the Vikings dropped a 73-61 non-league contest to Kalkaska, and a 112-84 decision to St. Ignace in M-HSC action.

Friday night the Vikings will entertain the Rogers City Hurons in a league contest, with the next encounter with the Northmen at Petoskey, Feb. 13th.

Craig Hinkle and Perry Papendick finished with 14 points each, and Mike Money right behind with 13 to hit double digits against the Blue Blazers.

They were followed by Dave White with 8, Bill Dean and Al Johnston 6 each, Steve Olsen 4, and Ken Doty 2.

Ed Vanderberg with 19 and Royce Thomas hitting 18, led the Kalkaska five.

At St. Ignace, Hinkle poured in 32 points on 14-4, and moved into the No. 2 spot in the M-HSC scoring race behind Jim Bishop who had 29 points for the Saints.

Dean finished with 14, and Papendick had 13 against the Saints, and were followed by Money with 9, Johnston and White with 6 each, and Olsen 4.

The little Vikings have had the same problems also, dropping their encounter with Kalkaska, 60-46, and to the little Saints, 79-50.

Against the little Blazers, Mark Golinick tallied 10 points to finish in double digits, followed by Randy McClain with 8, Tom Kaiser 7, Dean Smith 5, Brian Ruddy and Doug Kuhn 4 each, Bryon Duncan 3, Randy

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(By Mike Steele, Chamber Mgr.)

Today marks the beginning of the second half century of Grayling's Winter Sports Carnival, the grand-daddy of all Michigan's winter festivals. In its 51st year the community of Grayling is being honored by the state as an "Embassy of Michigan Tourism". It is something to be proud of, and to enjoy.

"Silent Cal" Coolidge was President in 1925 when the first Winter Sports Festival was held in Grayling. It was, and is, a winter celebration for the entire community ... a chance for folks of all ages to snap out of their winter doldrums for a few days.

It didn't take too long for the word to get around, and soon people from Michigan's southern towns were headed to Grayling on the "snow trains" for a weekend of winter fun. If you did not come north on the snow train, you just did not come ... for cars were unreliable in cold weather and roads were often impassible.

In 1925 snow sleds were wooden rigs with smooth runners, not the self propelled, high powered machines of today. Sleds, toboggans, and skates were the order of the day. Skiing was a rather unique sport enjoyed by those rugged enough to climb hills on foot, and brave

enough to slide down on wooden skis with leather bindings.

Ice and Snow sculptures were true works of art, which took hours of work, and buckets of sweat. It was a community function, to be enjoyed by all.

Things have really changed since that 1st Winter Carnival in 1925 ... or have they? As a celebration of our past and present let's enjoy our 51st Winter Sports Carnival ... participate!

Friday Night Kickoff

How much would a New York Strip Steak Dinner cost? A Theater presentation? A Cocktail? A Dance Band for an evening? Would you believe you can enjoy all of the above for a mere \$7.00 per person? Well you can at the Winter Carnival Dinner/Theater/Dance on Friday, February 6th!

Sponsored by the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival Committee the event will be held at Grayling's Red Barn Restaurant for the Entire Community and Visitors!

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, a non-alcoholic beverage may be substituted for

the cocktail. Dinner will be served at 8:15 with the Theater presentation by the River Country Players at 9:00. Dancing will immediately follow the theater presentation.

Tickets are limited by space restrictions to 200, and may be obtained from the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, 348-3336. Grayling State Bank, Comfort Center, Village Shop, and The Black and White Foodland.

It's an evening you won't want to miss, so get your tickets today!

For the Cross Country Skier

Ten blind cross country skiers from the Michigan School for the Blind, in Lansing, will participate in the 1st Annual Challenge Ski Race to be held Saturday, February 7 during Grayling's 51st Winter Sports Carnival.

The event is the first of its kind in the Midwest and the second in the United States. A similar race was held last year in Colorado.

The blind racers will be trained and guided by

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 51st WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 5-8, 1976

Thursday, February 5th

6:00 p.m. Family Potluck Dinner/Skiing. Bear Mt. Warming Lodge. Adults - \$2.50 ski rental, \$1.00 tow ticket. Children - \$2.25 ski rental, \$1.00 tow ticket. Last names beginning with A-I bring meat dish or casserole, J-R bring a vegetable, S-Z bring a dessert.

Friday, February 6th

All Day World's largest and longest Coffee Break sponsored by participating Grayling Merchants. Free coffee available to shoppers.

7:30 p.m. Dinner/Theater/Dance, Grayling Red Barn, \$7.00 per person.

Saturday, February 7th

10:00 a.m. Ice and Snow Sculpture Judging. Family Snofari, Crawford County Court House, \$1.50 per machine. Lunch at Skyline Ski Club.

11:00 a.m. Downhill Ski Race, Bear Mt. \$1.00 registration fee. Registration and instructions at 10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. Klondike Canoe Race, Burton's Landing to Stephens Bridge, \$6.00 per canoe. Registration and instructions at Bear Mt. 11:00 a.m. Cross Country Ski experience for the Blind at Bear Mt. 10:30 - Prelims. 3:00 - Finals.

Sunday, February 8th

9:30 a.m. Family Snofari. Terry's Suzuki. Breakfast at San Sheri Restaurant.

1:00 p.m. Snowball Hunt at Bear Mountain.

1:30 p.m. Cross Country Ski Rally at Bear Mt. \$5.00 registration fee.

2:00 p.m. Downhill Canoe Race at Bear Mt. \$1.00 per canoe registration fee. Registration and instruction at 1:00 p.m.

Participants may pre-register with the Grayling Winter Sports Park or the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Midland Symphony Orchestra At Kirtland CC February 8th

The Roscommon Chamber Music Society with the cooperation of Michigan Council for the Arts and Kirtland Community College presents The Midland Symphony Orchestra on February 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Kirtland Community College.

Selections from Handel, Sibelius, Barber and Rachmaninoff will be expressed. Don Th. Jaeger will be Musical Director/Conductor and Lawrence Guenther will be Assistant Director.

Mr. Jaeger will hold an informal discussion on this music with interested persons preceding the performance.

Tickets are \$3.50 per person - senior citizens (60 and over) and students \$2.00.

The tickets are available at Kirtland Community College Bookstore, from any R.C.M.S. member, The Barn Swallow in Roscommon, The Roscommon Hardware in Roscommon, State Savings Bank of West Branch, Tuck's Ace Hardware of Houghton Lake, Hunt's Pharmacy of Houghton Lake and The Back Porch of Grayling.

Matmen Take 1st at Benzie

The Grayling High School Matmen entered the Benzie Invitational Tournament Saturday and brought home a first place trophy - their second first place trophy this year in tournament action.

The three top teams in the tournament were Grayling, first; Reed City, second, and Charlevoix, third. Other schools competing were Pine River, Benzie Central, Manistee Catholic Central, Scottville and Manistee High School.

Bringing home first place medals were 1129 Carl Partello, 1199 Jeff Schlaack and Heavyweight Don Vollmer. In five tournaments this year, Carl has taken first place in all of them. Jeff won his 101st high school victory in the tournament and was voted the most valuable wrestler in the tournament. Don's win over Reed City's heavyweight decided the

championship. Second place awards were won by 138# Grant Byce and 185# John Slater. In the finals, Grant wrestled the state champion in Class D and lost with 51 seconds to go. John lost his match with only one second to go.

Taking third place honors for Grayling were 98# Bill Kellogg and 126# Jeff Kolka. 155# Scott Hanson took fourth place.

The next match will be Thursday night at home with Boyne City. The Conference meet will be Saturday, February 7, at Rogers City.

Fun for Everyone—This
Weekend In Grayling

Rev. Frederick Assigned To Ishpeming



Dennis Freeman, Chairman of the Pastor Parish Committee of the Michelson Memorial Church, announced this past Sunday that Bishop Loder has assigned Rev. Paul Frederick to the 1,000 member Ishpeming United Methodist Church, effective February 29, 1976.

Rev. Frederick was assigned to the Michelson Memorial Church on October 15, 1969. During his ministry in Grayling the Church has made significant strides in membership and financial growth, has added additional staff persons, and has been a service to the community. He has served on numerous committees for the school, Camp Shawano, Rotary and the Grayling Centennial Celebration.

Mrs. Frederick has served as Grayling Co-op Nursery teacher, lead teacher of the Grayling Headstart Center, and has substituted in the school system. She has also been on the District Girl Scout Council as 3rd Vice President. Their family also includes: Shannon, Russell, Robin and Timothy.

In recognition of his service, the Congregation of the M.M. Church is planning an Open House on Sunday, February 22nd from 2 to 5:00 p.m. in the Church Basement for those who would like to come and formally say farewell to the Frederick Family. He will preach his final sermon in Grayling at the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock services on the 22nd of this month too.

Our Weather

[Courtesy of Chuck Fick]

Jan.	Hi - Lo	Snow
27	28 - 8	19
28	22 - 6	18
29	27 - 8	18
30	20 - 11	19
31	20 - 10	19
Feb.		
1	30 - 15	21
2	19 - 28	22

POTLUCK

There will be a Senior Citizen Potluck on Thursday, February 12. The bus will pick up at 6:00 p.m. at the Frederic Sportsman's Club for Ausagra Acres in Grayling. Program following potluck.

Seek Comments on AuSable-Manistee

Kenton P. Clark, Forest Supervisor for the Huron-Manistee NF, has announced that the U.S. Forest Service is inviting all interested individuals and organizations to comment on issues involving the management of the AuSable and Manistee Rivers, and their tributaries.

"The study of the two rivers, which began January 2, 1976, will be made to determine if they qualify for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System," Clark commented. "One of the first and most important things that we need to determine is how the public feels about the rivers. There are perhaps existing problems or issues they know about that we will need to analyze and evaluate as part

of the study. I strongly urge anyone interested in doing so, to express their views now so that they can be given early consideration."

The study, which is being done jointly with the Department of Natural Resources, will cover various social, economic, and environmental aspects of the rivers. The Forest Service has been designated the head agency for making the study.

Parties interested in expressing their view can do so by writing to the Forest Supervisor, Wild and Scenic River Study, 421 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601. Replies should be mailed by February 28, 1976.

Snowmobile Safety Classes To Begin February 9th

A snowmobile safety class will be offered by the Crawford County Sheriff Department with the cooperation of Howard Taylor, Community School Director. The class will begin on February 9th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 29 at the High School and will be instructed by certified instructors. The class will run Monday thru Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day. Those who successfully complete the course will receive their certificates on Friday.

The safety classes, designed by the Department of Natural Resources are aimed at those youngsters who need the safety certificate so that they may operate snowmobiles without adult supervision. Sheriff Harold Hatfield states that out of all the reported snowmobile accidents for the last two years, over 90% of those involved never had any safety training.

The course is open to anyone but enrollment will be limited to 25 students. Also to qualify for the certificate, students must be at least 12 years of age. The class is free of charge and for more information contact Deputy Coe or Deputy Hemming at 348-6341.

Name the Same, Identity Not

The name is the same, the identity is quite different. Following a phone call the Avalanche received Monday, we wish to take this means to clarify a mistaken identity of a local resident.

In the January 15 issue of the Avianee, the name of Donald Benjamin Doyle of Saginaw appeared in circuit court news for sentencing on a breaking and entering charge.

The problem brought to our attention is that, Donald F. Doyle, formerly of Saginaw, who has been a resident of Crawford County for over 2 years has been erroneously mistaken for the other Doyle.

Since moving to the county Mr. Doyle has operated an excavating business, as well as doing some patrolling of cabins in the area, which were told he has lost some work possibly through this mistaken identity. Through this means, the Avalanche hopes the problems brought onto Donald F. Doyle will be resolved.

Credit Union Annual Meeting Held Jan. 31st

The Crawford County Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting was held on January 31, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling, at 8:00 p.m. Dinner was enjoyed by 118 persons.

Arthur Thayer, President and William Sorenson, Treasurer spoke on our growth for the year 1975. Assets rose 79% from \$510,000 to \$891,000.

Ron Whitman, Representative of the Michigan Credit Union League spoke to the membership on our past year.

Bernard Ganzfried, Assistant Director of the Regional Office of the National Credit Union Administration in Toledo, Ohio, spoke on future changes in the Credit Union movement.

Door prizes were awarded to the following: Ed Anderson, Clara Krahner, Jacqueline Lepsey, Judith Kapets, David Jansen, Ernie Bicsak, Peter Stephan, Ginger Bertt, Margaret Barclay, Lucille Kneff, Shirley Linendoll, B. Noirot, Anne Novak, Norm Wood, Kenneth Moore, Allison Bates, Linda Stephan, Clara Freeman, Jim Golinick, Vivian Koch and Gloria Stephan.

The Avalanche — Your
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Grayling & Crawford County News 1st for 98 Years



Why Bear Archery Wants To Stay in Grayling

\$5,500,000 Million Dollars a year is put into the Grayling Economy each year by Bear Archery—that's over \$100,000 a week. In our 1976 Catalog we are telling our customers around the world why we are located in Grayling, Michigan—a very impractical place to be considering raw materials, shipping, mail, accessibility and delivery time. Yet this is where Fred Bear chose to locate ... because he loved

the area, because he enjoyed and felt comfortable working with and for the people. Bear Archery wants to continue this relationship in Grayling and doesn't want anyone to jeopardize their position in the community. We thought our neighbors in Grayling should read the Introduction pages from our 1976 Bear Archery Catalog. It is reprinted below.

Dear friend:

Those of us who work at Bear Archery take care and pride in the products we handcraft for your enjoyment. And we try our best to provide you with the finest archery equipment you can get anywhere. We hope that when you have read through this booklet you will have a better idea of who we are and why we take such pride in what we do.

Bear Archery is located in the AuSable River Valley formed some 12,000 years ago when the last glaciers left this area. We are about 75 miles south of the tip of lower Michigan and 220 miles north of Detroit, in the center of the state. Another great river, the Manistee, is just west of town.

Grayling grew up on an ancient Indian portage from the Manistee to the AuSable and the deposits of arrow and spear heads in the area suggest an Indian battle-ground or factory, or both. The AuSable is one of the three most famous trout streams in America and in days gone by drew fishermen from around the world after its renowned Grayling—a cold water species of Trout. When the area was logged over about 100 years ago the small village which sprang up along Milepost 92 of the Jackson, Lansing, and Saginaw railroad was named for this great game fish. (A small settlement earlier had simply been called "Forest.") Grayling was a milltown and each year in August we celebrate our lumberman's heritage with a Mill-Town Festival.

When the timber went and the stream was no longer

shaded by the towering White Pine and giant red Norways the water temperature went up. That coupled with the destruction of the spawning beds by the log drives down the river ended the AuSable as a home for our world famous Grayling. Yet, Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout live and thrive in its sporting, cool depths. The Stream has several branches. The River runs through town where it is joined by the East Branch and further downstream by the South and North Branches and empties into Lake Huron a hundred miles away. Second growth Norway Pine, Oak, Birch, Quaking Aspen (or Popples as we call them) and Jack Pine cover the high areas with White Cedar, Spruce and Tamarack in the lower regions.

Seeing the black squirrel at your window feeder can start the day off with unexpected pleasure. Or seeing the Blue Heron take off in the early morning fog from the lumberjack's Old Stump Pond on your way into work are among the fringe benefits resulting from living in the "North Country" and you might think of them off and on all day.

Not only are we aware of our close relationship to nature up here but as in all small towns we are extremely aware of how we as individuals tend to be interrelated.

We have a weekly newspaper with local news in it and depend upon papers from "down below" from our national and world news. The closing of business places when a time-honored citizen is buried, the 4th of July

Parade, the late fall Buck Pole, the quiet dusk on the trout stream—all are Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth slices of life.

We dislike pretentiousness most of all, and then greed, bad manners and disrespect for nature. We accept people for what they are and are grateful to the power company foreman who comes to replace the line we downed with our new chain saw because he understood our embarrassment at having caused the power blackout in half the town including the county jail.

Important social events of the year include the DNR Hearing on removing the historical Old Loggers Dam in town or a heated Town Hall meeting on whether there are too many canoeists on the river or too many trout fishermen standing in their way in the stream. A local high school basketball game with boys of such talent might be found in any town of 2000 population takes on exciting importance because you know that little else is going to happen during that long mid-winter week.

There are a few of us who are doctors or lawyers or policemen, but for the most part we either work for the largest plant in the area ("The Archery" with 500 employees) or for the Department of Natural Resources, the local National Guard Camp or we own a motel, or restaurant or souvenir store.

One becomes acutely aware of everyday scenes around you in this quiet, country town. You notice that the Red Oak leaves

stay on all winter until the new leaf appears in the spring. You notice the blue snow at dawn as you drive into work. There is no pollution up here other than that caused by the dreaded forest fire that occasionally darkens the evergreen skyline. You notice the dry winter atmosphere and the fact that 30 degrees below zero really isn't too uncomfortable. And you delight in the sudden display of the Aurora Borealis, a back drop for the crystal clear scattering of stars that seem so close in this black, northern sky.

We read every word in the Crawford County Avalanche just as soon as it comes out each week. Want ads, Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, Trout Unlimited Minutes, Camp Shawano Minutes and the little bit of news that we have quite likely already heard.

The Village Buck Pole that the members of the Chamber of Commerce promote each opening weekend of Deer Season attracts us, as well as the tourist hunters gazing at the size of the antlers on display for all to admire. It would be hard to find a freezer up here that didn't have some venison, brown trout or partridge hidden away in it for that special northern evening meal.

We commiserate together every summer when the short growing season fails to produce the succulent sweet corn or luscious tomatoes that we yearned for during the late spring snows. Yet, we'll try again next year, willing to gamble a few cents for seeds on the off chance that one of these

years we'll have a warmer summer.

We love the lonely lovely winter evenings when we run our four wheel drive into town to exchange books at the small County Library. Now we know that it is the dead of winter. We are between skiing-snowmobiling season and trout-trailbike season and the land, in its frozen, frightening simplicity, is ours at last to enjoy all alone. Few tourists ice fish or wander through the swamp on Sunday afternoons after snowshoe rabbits or walk the snow covered old loggers trails deep within the forests. We listen to the creaking popples talk to us competing with the chattering chickadees and worrying purple finches overhead.

Our group of 2000 can swell overnight to 20,000 when the "Guards" are here for summer camp. When they mingle with the tourists and clog the beaches and perspire in the jack pine boonies on their yearly refresher course in the north. During free time they congregate in the Plaza Saloon, The Legion and Spike's Keg-On-Nails. We warn our daughters, "now don't talk to the Guards" and their wives in turn tell them somewhere down in Indiana or Ohio or wherever they come from as they climb aboard the headlighted slow convoys heading north, "now don't talk to the local girls". And not very much of either happens.

This is a land where we need not cultivate flowers although some of us do. And often the most spectacular display of color and variety lie just at the

edge of our yards and sometimes creep into them. The Wild Daisies, Violets, Indian Paintbrush, Buttercups, Lady Slippers, Wild Roses, Arbutus, Bracken and Wintergreen have little real competition among the domesticated plants. There is one however, that flourishes in our sandy soil and short summers, the Petunia. And each year we laboriously plant them along the main street through town, a ribbon of color that delights our residents as well as the thousands of vacationers who pass through here each season.

This is the land of the Deer, the Otter, the Bear and the Great Bald Eagle. Here lives the Wild Mule Swan, the Red Shouldered Hawk, the endangered Kirtland Warbler that chooses the Grayling area from all the world in which to nest each year in its fragile battle to survive. Here is the black, yellow and white Evening Grosbeak to whom we feed tons of sunflower seeds each winter and the fastidious Nuthatch who walks down the tree upside down. Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Jays, Purple Finches, Downy Woodpeckers, Kill Deer, Partridge, Wild Turkey and Whippoorwills. The list could go on and on. Our neighbors are the Mink, the Beaver, the Muskrat, the Black, Red and Grey Squirrels, the Raccoons, the bumbling Porcupine and the Great Horned Owl that lives by the stream.

We seldom see the Bear that live in the swamp. We stop at the Old Stump Pond to see the Canadian Geese, the myriad of

Ducks and other Waterfowl on their annual journeys to and fro but we seldom see the big Northern Pike that glide deep in the holes in Lake Margarethe.

This is the land of Wild Strawberries, Blackberries and Blueberries. A land where fishermen wander up and down the treacherous stream sometimes in the dark tottering on the edge of hidden holes, as Evening Bats whiz overhead, just because they've seen clouds of fragile lace-like Caddis, stoneflies or Mayflies in the fading shafts of sunset.

Here we live off the land. Whether it be the bows and arrows we craft for you to use on the worlds game trails or tournament lines, or whether it be the Annual Trout Festival, Tip-Up-Down, Dog Sled Races of Lumberman's Festival. All are related to the land.

The Fall Color Tours, the Fred Bear Museum Visitors, the Berry Pickers, the Hunters, the Snowmobilers, the Skiers, the Flyfishermen, the Bait Fishermen, the Hikers, Trail Riders and Canoeists. All are here because of the land. All come to relax, breathe deep of our clean fresh air and sleep well in our cool summer nights.

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1976



From Our Corner...

This coming weekend will mark a first in 2 categories of Grayling's annual Winter Sports Carnival. This year is the first of the second half century in which Grayling has played host to the multitude of winter sports fans for their festival weekend.

The other first, and we are only going by our own knowledge — is the fact that it will be the first year Grayling has not selected a queen, whether to represent us only — or to participate in other contests.

In our melancholy way as we put our corner to bed, is the fact we are able to remember back to the days of the ice sculptures, like the photo on page one.

It is not with sadness or dejection that we speak — only we have to sit back and wonder if this is not the way our predecessors wished it to be — ice thrones, skating, skiing, tobogganing, winter fun for all.

Through the first 50 years many, many people in all walks of life participated in this endeavor — as we look out from our warm house — we see many, many enthusiastic citizens now carrying the torch for the future...

To all of you — the best — from our corner.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 YEARS AGO February 5, 1953

At the home of Mrs. Cleo Armstrong last week were her son Charles of Detroit, her son, Sgt. U. John R. S. Armstrong of Korea home on three days furlough and her daughter, Mrs. Tom Bates of Lansing.

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser last Friday afternoon when a chimney burned out. The damage was slight.

Miss Shirley Souders, student nurse at Harper Hospital, Detroit, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders.

Pat and Margie Harwood spent a couple of days in Lovells with relatives. Pat sure enjoys the hunting and seems very fortunate in bringing home the game he is after.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper returned home last Thursday, the ladies after spending a week in Detroit. Mr. Bear and Mr. Piper spent the time in New York City where they attended the National Sporting Goods Association Show. While gone, Mr. Bear also appeared on Jack VanCovering's television show, "Woods and Waters" on station WXYZ, Detroit.

Don Johnson, Jr., of Flint and Cornell University stopped and visited the Robert Strongs Friday enroute to Hidden Valley Ski Club Gaylord, to spend the weekend. Don is enjoying a between semesters vacation from Cornell.

Jack McMillan of Grayling Township, George Burke, Grayling, William Miller of Lovells Township, Leo Lovely, County Clerk and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia, of the Welfare Board attended the Supervisors convention held at the Hotel Olds, Lansing on January 27-28-29.

Twelve ladies found their places at the attractively arranged table which Mrs. A. J. Joseph had prepared for her bridge club at her home Saturday afternoon.

Next week will be observed as Fathers and Sons week in Grayling.

Mrs. Marcellene Lovely is on the gain.

C. W. Montrose went to Detroit Sunday night on business.

Carl Carlson of Roscommon was in Grayling Wednesday on business.

Kendall Stencomb of Alma visited in Grayling over the weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. Green are now occupying one of the Burke apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh spent the weekend in Bay City.

H. B. Smith, Jr., of Bay City and a party of 13 were at his cottage on the AuSable over Sunday.

Frank Tetu went to Detroit Sunday night on business to be gone for a few days.

53 YEARS AGO February 5, 1923

Born February 1st to Mr. and Mrs. M. Laurent, a son.

Mercury was registered at 18 degrees below zero Monday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Leighton is visiting in Ohio.

Mrs. J. J. Colleen was the lucky one to draw the center-piece made by Mrs. Flagg and raffled last week.

Last Saturday the mercury registered at 33 degrees at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. it was down to zero, where it remained until morning.

A. B. Failing has gone to Monrovia, La., to look over his proposed situation with the Grayling Lumber Company in that city.

T.O.P.S. News

Are you overweight? Feeling down because of a few extra pounds? Come to our Tops group next Thursday night and find out what it's all about. We have twenty-two members who would like to welcome you.

The Tops Club consists of a group of ladies, and teen-agers, that give each other confidence and will-power. It is an inexpensive way to lose weight.

Lillian Wolfe was the queen for this week. We had a white elephant sale to raise money for our treasury.

We had four guests this week, two that are joining. We welcome Joan Austin and Mary Anne Granda.

Kellie Roskoskey
Publicity Chairman

Bid Notice

BIDS ARE BEING ACCEPTED by the Crawford County Building Authority for labor only on the following work to be done on County offices. Putting 1" x 2" stripping on two foot centers with 3/4 inch styrofoam insulation and paneling. Also, prehung ceiling with 2' x 4' panels. Further, 2" x 4" sleepers with 3/4 inch plywood over concrete floor — labor only. Bids are to be returned by Feb. 20, 1976. Plans may be seen at the County Clerk's Office. The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids should be mailed to Leo E. Lovely, Crawford County Clerk, Courthouse, Grayling, MI. 49738. 5-12

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The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

A Tribute To Courage

Bob Griffin, Bob Anderson, Larry Latham and Bill Mackin stand in Des Moines, Iowa today as men of moral integrity and courage. Their company, the Meredith Corporation, began printing pornographic literature and showed utter disrespect and disregard for the morality of their employees.

Bill Mackin was suspended when he asked to be assigned to a job not involved with the dirty magazines. He said, "It the founder of this company were alive today, he would not only refuse to print this stuff, he would also object to its distribution throughout the country."

Mackin had worked for the company for almost a quarter of a century. He added, "We're already known as 'sin city' because of all the triple X movies and massage parlors. This will make Des Moines become known as the fountain head of porno literature."

The Meredith company was the printer - publisher of such clean magazines as "Better Homes and Gardens," "Brides," and "Successful Farming," but now they have started printing magazines like "Penthouse" and "Viva" also.

Larry Latham was also suspended because he would not work with the pornographic materials. He said, "I just felt, in doing my best to serve my God, I couldn't promote this material and handle it, I'd be completely out of His will if I did."

Bob Griffin and Bob Anderson both resigned and plan to start a small printing company of their own, "to do work for Christian people." Griffin said, "God didn't want me there printing that stuff and being any part of a company that is printing such pornography. Anderson said, "I told my supervisor that I thought 'Penthouse' and 'Viva' were mocking God."

It is a great thrill and encouragement to see Christian laymen take a strong moral stand within a morally sick society. Wouldn't it be something if Christians and good moral people across our country

canceled their subscriptions to "Better Homes and Gardens," "Brides," and "Successful Farming" in protest to the printing of pornographic literature?

Pornographic materials are increasing for three basic reasons: First, because of the sinful lust of the depraved mind which seeks such filth; Second, because of the money-making or greed which controls the availability of pornography; and third, because of the stoic indifference of those who call themselves Christians.

Jesus said, "...whoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:28. I agree with Bob Anderson that pornography is mocking God. (Adv.)

Pastor Barnett

Hot Lunch Menu

February 9 through 13

Monday: Hot Dogs with buns, Baked Potatoes, Fruit, Green Beans.

Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Pickles, Vegetable, Fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken Noodle Soup, Sliced Cheese, Crackers, Bread and Peanut Butter, Cake.

Thursday: Spanish Rice, Buttered Corn, Jello, Bread and Butter.

Friday: Pizza, Vegetable, Pudding.

Milk is served with all meals. Menu is subject to change without notice.

In The Service

Ft. BRAGG, N.C. — Army Specialist Four Harold R. Sanborn Jr., whose parents live on Route 2, Grayling, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving as a rifleman in Company C, 2nd Battalion, 504th Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Spec. Sanborn entered the Army in June 1974 and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

The specialist is a 1974 graduate of Manzano High School, Albuquerque, N.M.

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GOOD—4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-19-20

21-22-23-24-25

POOR—12-13-14-15-16-17-18

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Price Reduction - 3 bedroom home in city on 2 1/2 lots, full basement, family room, garage, natural gas heat. Purchase price on L/C at 7% - Full price, \$17,000.00. #154-R

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Income Property - Apt. house w/3 - 1 br apartments. Basement & new natural gas furnace & insulation has been blown in. Each Apt. has some furnishings. Stop in for more details. F.P. \$30,000.00. #221

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DATE STAMPS FOR SALE — Avalanche Office 1f

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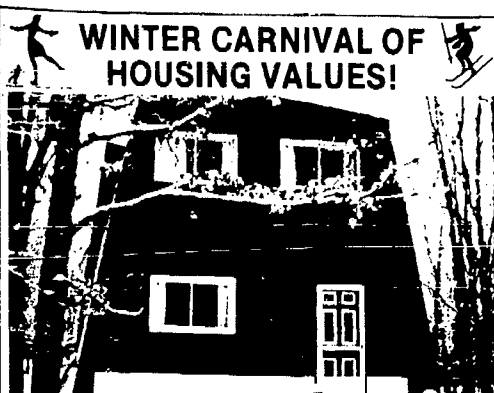
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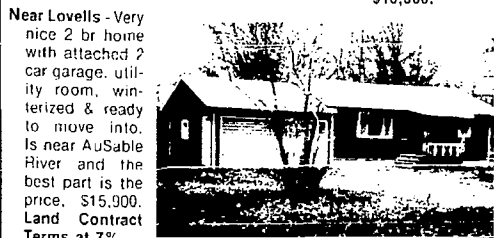


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Road Commission Minutes

January 22, 1976

A meeting of the Paul Bunyan Council held at Traverse City and attended by Commissioner Ervin E. Richter in his capacity as President of the Northern Association of Road Commissioners.

/s/ Harold T. Johnson, Chairman
/s/ Florence S. Douglas, Secretary

January 23, 1976

A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners held in their office in Grayling, Chairman Johnson presiding. Members present: Commissioners Harold T. Johnson, R. LeRoy Millikin and Ervin E. Richter, and Engineer Manager John M. Keir. Absent, none.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Comm. Richter, supported by Comm. Millikin that the minutes be approved as read. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Voucher No. 24 covering Payroll No. 2 in the amount of \$17,238.78 and Vouchers No. 25 to 49 covering Materials in the amount of \$31,439.07 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Comm. Millikin supported by Comm. Richter that Vouchers No. 24 to 49 be approved and warrants drawn in their respective amounts. All voted in favor, motion carried.

A letter from M. C. Steele, Executive Manager of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, was read to the Board, and discussed. A letter of reply will be sent to Mr. Steele.

Engr-Mgr. Keir was authorized to purchase 2 additional mobile radios.

The applications for the position of Secretary-Clerk were discussed and a final selection was made. All interviewers will be notified of the selection.

D. M. Hutchinson, Scientific Brake and Equipment Company, appeared before the Board in regard to truck equipment.

There being no further business a motion was made and supported to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

/s/ Harold T. Johnson, Chairman
/s/ Florence S. Douglas, Secretary

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Bits O' Talk

by Fay Enove

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKay, three children and a niece, Kathy O'Connor of Warren, spent the weekend with her sister and family, the Jack Trudgens. They did some cross-country skiing while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Millikin and family spent two and one half weeks visiting Mrs. Millikin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moss, in Phoenix City, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elsey returned last Thursday after spending five days in Chicago at the gift show at McCormick Place and the Merchandise Mart.

The Chuck Fick family and Gonzalo were in Traverse City last weekend and witnessed an appearance during halftime of the Traverse City Bays game. Fred Allen, of the Grayling Post Office had the pleasure of taking a shot at the net in which he missed all together! Better luck next time, Fred! Also present at the game were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yoder.

Randy Thompson returned home last Wednesday from St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw where he underwent back surgery. His brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Thompson of that city, drove him home.

Mercy Hospital News

The following are among the patients at Mercy Hospital this week: Etta Bailey, Eva Barri, Carol Bremer, Howard Bunker, Sr., Mary Cruickshank, Mary Davis, Liwyn Doremire, Jack Feldhauser, Robert Gottfried and Charles Piliavani, all of Grayling; and Noreen Harmer of Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis of Grayling are the parents of a 7 lb. 2 oz. son. He was born February 1st and has been named Huck.

OBITUARIES

Former Resident Dies in Washington

Virgil Robert Love, 47, of 302 16th Ave., Longview, Washington, died January 23 in a Washington hospital. He was born January 29, 1928 in Crawford County and had been a resident of the area for about 20 years. He left Crawford County about 23 years ago. He was a member of the Kelo Eagles Club and a World War II veteran.

Mr. Love is survived by his wife, Erma; two sons, Steven Emery of Kelo and Dwayne Emery, at home; one daughter, Carol Emery, at home; three brothers, James of Brighton, Larry of Lansing and Glenn of Frederic; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Decker of Grayling, Mrs. Hal Riggs and Mrs. Maxine Hopkins, both of Frederic.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 26, at McVicker's Chapel on the Hill with interment at Williamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Calendar Of Events

Feb. 10: American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Feb. 12: Senior Citizen potluck. Bus will pick up at 6 p.m. at the Frederic Sportsman Club for Ausagra Acres. Program following potluck.

First Wednesday of every month there will be a Grayling Sportsman Club meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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To The Cross Country Ski Fans:

(By Gustaw Konopnicki)

Many of you probably feel that cross country skiing is here to stay. Grayling Winter Sports Association started a cross country ski program at Bear Mountain last year. I was asked to run it and after one season feel obliged to submit a report to you.

Season of 1974 to June 1975 (10 skiing weeks):
Revenues from rentals & instructions \$740.00
Expenses 300.00
Turned over to Gray. Winter Sports Assn. 440.00
Number of Rentals (skiers) 225
Number of skiers w/own skis visiting Bear Mt. trails 25
Volunteer hours spent 120
(my son Chris, daughter Gussy and myself)

Rental prices: day (adults) \$4.00
Instruction 2.00
(County residents pay half and children half of respective adult fees)

Season from June 1975 to January 12, 1976:

Work on Bear Mountain trails (they existed since 1930's):
Camp Shawono boys invested 60 boy hours. The following people helped: Boys, girls and teachers (Mr. Delp and Mrs. Whall) from Grayling High School Goal program, teachers Ms. Morley and Olson and Mr. Woodland, Bill Greene (Standard Station), Bob Cole (Back Porch), two Grayling boy scout troops, Dave Avis, Dean Morford, Joanne, Jim and Ken Helmick (K-Lon Motel), Tom and Jim Gardiner, Pete and Paul VanNook, Dwayne Wrona (Grayling VW), Jack Hull (Clark Station), Milton Mills, Leo Cavanaugh, Bear Archery, Summit Sports, Gambles, Cornell Realty, Dale Rhode (Recreational Motors), Joe Stripe, Dave Wyss, Jim Shepler and Richard Wierber (Davis Jewelry), Arrowhead Inn, Michaywe of Gaylord, Greenwood Campground of Alger, Ranch Rudolph of Traverse City, Mike Parent of Roscommon, Pat and Mike Steele of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, my two sons - Chris and Alex, all of my friends that I might have missed but love, and most of all my wife, Beryl.

I have spent an estimated 200 hours cleaning, marking, painting, measuring and mapping the trails. In the last activity Jim Helmick took upon himself to update the map (now available), do all the cartographic work on it and cover the cost of printing.

To date (Jan. 14, '76) revenues from rentals \$263.75
Expenses on trails & rental equipment 484.97
Persons renting skis 112

Marked increase in Grayling residents and especially children's participation.

Rental fees: Adults per day \$5.00
Rental Fees: Adults per weekend 8.00
Rental fees: Adults per week 10.00
Instruction per person, per hour 2.00

Crawford County residents still pay half of above rates and children half of respective adult rates.

The trails (32 miles of them, but only 20 miles finished) have been used extensively.

January 10, 1976, cross country race fielded 35 competitors. January 24, 1976, United States Ski Association Central Division Region III Championship had 38 racing.

As to the future, I hope to get community support for creating a Nordic Ski Center. Olympic Nordic events consist of: 1. Cross Country Racing, 2. Nordic Combine (racing and jumping), 3. Jumping, 4. Biathlon (cross country ski racing & target shooting).

We have trails for racing, but need biathlon and jumps to stage jumping and Nordic Combine.

Mr. Jack Alet came up with an idea of asking the Army Engineers to rebuild the jumps (they existed up to 1950). Mr. Alet, Mr. Steele and I are going to see General Johnson and Taylor of the Michigan Guard as soon as I get the plans for the jumps.

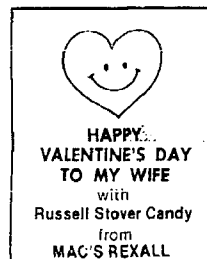
Grayling Winter Sports Festival experience for the blind is planned for February 7th.

Creation of a Nordic Center in Grayling will bring United States Ski Association Central Division Championships, Junior and Senior National Nordic championships, as well as possible international meets and olympic trials. These events are hosted now in Lake Placid, NY. Cable, Wisc. Each event could bring thousands of competitors and spectators to Grayling.

Off the Record

If you're the kind who doesn't like to fly in airplanes, remember, the pilot wants to land just as safely as you do. Why not plan a lot of vacations—planning them doesn't cost anything. One waiter in town says he serves a lot of nuts—his customers. But then one of the world's most uncommon attributes is none other than common sense.

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I would like to thank Father Vandic for his visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. My apologies for the mixup in names last week.

Claribel Goss

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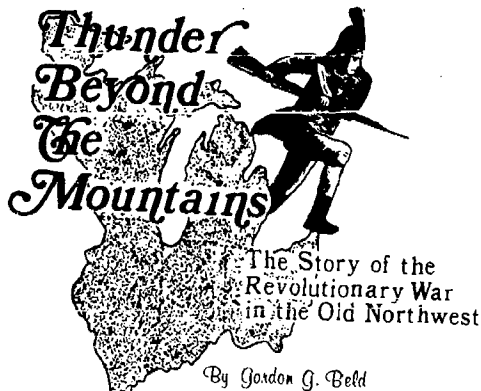
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By Gordon G. Beld

There was plenty of fear on both sides of the palisaded walls of the British post at Detroit during the Revolutionary War.

The redcoats at Detroit feared an attack by rebel forces might come at any moment. And American frontiersmen, particularly in the Kentucky settlements, lived in constant dread of attack by Indians sent out from Detroit.

The post, which was Britain's most important base in the West during the war, never was attacked by Americans. However, it wasn't because the colonies didn't have its capture in mind. Seemingly countless plans for assaults on Detroit were devised, but it never was possible to raise an adequate force for carrying them out.

Thus, not only did Great Britain control Detroit until the end of the war in 1783, but it kept its garrison at this western post for another 13 years before turning it over to the United States in 1796.

Nevertheless, the fear of an attack, particularly by troops of George Rogers Clark who succeeded in capturing posts elsewhere in the Northwest, was always present at Detroit. And besides fearing an assault by colonial forces from the outside, the British really didn't dare to turn their backs for long on their Indian allies or the

French who were with them inside the settlement.

The lieutenant governor at Detroit, Henry Hamilton, wrote to a British officer in 1778: "When it is considered how many people in the settlement have connections with the Americans, it will not be surprising if the Virginians should have notice of anything projected against them from this Quarter and that a great deal if not everything depends upon secrecy I must not flatter myself 'twill be concealed (as it should) since an Indian for a Gallon of Rum may be engaged to carry letters or intelligence."

After Hamilton was captured by Clark at Vincennes in February of 1779, there was even more concern about rebel sympathizers at Detroit. One of them, Grosse Pointe farmer James Cassity, was forced to leave the settlement for drinking to the success of the Americans and predicting that Clark would soon take the post.

Captain Richard Lernout, in charge of Detroit after the capture of Hamilton, wrote in April 1779 that "the Canadians (French) are exceedingly amused on our bad success and weakness ... Not one of them will lend a hand ... All the Canadians are rebels to a man." Clark claimed that he received military intelligence from spies in Detroit and Frederick Haldimand, governor general of Canada, warned Lernout of enemies within the settlement. He ordered the Detroit commandant to arrest any persons suspected of aiding the Americans and to send them in irons to Fort Niagara.

Clark's capture of Hamilton also drove a wedge between the British and the Indians. Tribes in the Wabash country announced that they would either join the rebels or remain neutral. In the shadow of the palisades of the fort at Detroit the Wyandots declared that they would make peace with the Americans; and the Ottawa, Chippewa and Potawatomi indicated that they planned to have talks with the rebels.

But for the most part the Indians' service was retained by the British throughout the war, and the sight of them moving out for incursions against the frontier settlements was common to Detroiters. So, too, were the disheartening scenes when they returned clutching bloody scalps and herding haggard prisoners.

Indeed, Detroit was a thorn in the side of Americans who sought to gain control of the Northwest during the revolution. It was, as George Washington wrote, "... a constant source of trouble to the whole western country."

Not only did Detroit constitute a key position from which the British and Indian forces launched their land assaults against the colonists along the frontier, but it was also a base that enabled them to control the upper Great Lakes. All that took was a naval force of two armed schooners and three sloops. And not one of the sailors that manned the vessels in 1776 was a gunner.

Completes AF Course

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — Airman Dennis Harland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Harland of Rt. 2, Grayling, has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U. S. Air Force accounting specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, now skilled in Air Force appropriation and mechanized accounting systems, is being assigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

Airman Harland, a 1972 graduate of Grayling High School, attended Michigan State University.

Vike Frosh In Cage Win

In Freshmen basketball action last Thursday, the Vikings posted a 72-52 victory over St. Ignace on the winners court. High scorer for the game was Geoff Stancil with 29 pts. on 14 field goals and one free bucket. Other Vikings scoring in double figures were Scott Johnston with 16 pts. and Jeff Parkinson with 12 pts. Rounding out the scoring for Grayling were Mark McEvers 4, Joel Arwood 2, and Dan Niederer 2.

High scorers for the losers were Grant Sinimons and Andy LeCount with 16 each. On Monday night, the Freshmen traveled to Roscommon for a game with the Bucks. Coach Warren Hayes' Freshmen are now 7-4 overall.

ALMANACK

Richard Milliman



Dollars dominate in state capitol

The new year is underway in earnest in the Michigan state capitol.

The election-year version of the Michigan Legislature is back in harness, mulling over the state's problems and distilling possible solutions.

Gov. Milliken has delivered himself of the state-of-the-state message — in essence, things aren't so good, but they're getting better, and we'll have no new state taxes, by golly, this year — and then hied himself off for a short Caribbean vacation, which is better than the national average.

Top legislative Democrats, not to be outdone, have also delivered themselves of their own versions of state-of-the-state messages. They were proclaimed by Speaker Bobby Crim and Sen. William Fitzgerald — in essence, things aren't so good, but they're probably going to get better, and we'll probably have no major new state taxes, by golly, this year, although Crim, at least, would prefer the state income tax on a graduated basis, and he just may try to do something about it.

So the stage is set, and the annual drama is about to begin. Michigan state government is about to undergo another session of the Legislature.

We do this every year, of course. And this year, certain things should be kept in mind, if we're going to develop as seasoned legislative watchers.

Number one is that 1976 is an election year. Not everybody involved in the capitol struggle will be up for election this year, but enough of them will be striving for voter approval to warrant being kept in mind.

All 110 members of the state house are up for election in 1976. So are all 19 Michigan congressmen, and would-be congressmen, many of whom historically come from the ranks of the Legislature.

The governor won't be up for a new lease on the executive mansion, nor will members of the state senate have to face the voters. Three members of the state supreme court will be on the

ballot, and one United States Senator will be selected, where incumbent Sen. Phil Hart won't be running again.

Of course, a president will be picked; and that always means a certain amount of infighting among backers of the various hopefuls. County officials will be picked, too.

All of these election-related facts will bear, one way and another, on what happens — or doesn't happen — and how things are done — in the legislative process.

For another thing, the 1976 session of the legislature will center on the dollar sign. There's no way around it. Budgeting will be paramount.

Regardless of the brave words in January, by the time the budget-writing crunch arrives, a bit later in the year, only three alternatives will remain for the budget-writers in state government.

—Either 1. We're going to have more taxes.

—Or 2. We're going to have reduced services to the taxpayers.

—Or 3. We're going to have bigger government debt.

Other than these three alternatives, there is no way out for Michigan State government in 1976.

Perhaps the judgement day can be put off temporarily, by putting into effect certain budgetary gimmicks, such as moving tax dates, and diverting existing trust funds, or what have you. Perhaps even new budget gimmicks will emerge from bureaucratic or political dreams, again postponing temporarily the time of gut decision.

But fundamental truth is that government is designed to provide services to people ... to help people handle their problems. And government costs money. The more problems people have, the more money government costs.

Whether it should be that way is a good question; whether it can be any other way is another question.

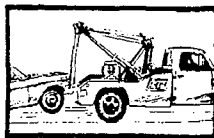
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IF IT FITZ

Jim Fitzgerald



Bible can prove anything

Jesus Christ!

That's how I began a column a few weeks ago. It was a gimmick to catch the attention of the many Christians who ordinarily wouldn't read this nonsense unless they were in a strange town, wearing a plain brown wrapper.

My intention was to mildly rebuke those Christians who can't see over their Bibles and who would slam heaven's gates on everyone who has not seen the light of the Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting. I had been turned off by a mid-western city which ran a Hindu sect out of town simply because it wasn't Christian. This didn't sound like Jesus Christ to me.

I expected some adverse response to that column, but this is ridiculous. I am up to my fanny in Bible quotations and religious pamphlets. I have been accused of being everything from a Jew to a Jehovah's Witness to a Communist spy.

And I have been told I am so dumb I "do not know Catholics and Protestants are not Christians." Huh?

The letter-writers who amaze me are those who can go on for 12 pages, single-spaced, and not write one sentence that makes sense. They are quoting the Bible. I can tell because every few paragraphs they switch to capital letters and write something like: HEBREWS 9:39, Verse 25. Very impressive.

I studied the Bible for 2 semesters at Mich State University. This was a Literature course, not Religion, which is probably where I went wrong. Also, it was an easy course — there were 3 football players in it. So I certainly don't claim to be a Bible scholar. Let's just say I read the book, many years ago, and enjoyed it. It was a hell of a lot better than the movie.

But the Bible didn't change my life. It didn't save me. And it didn't make me think any more highly of such living legends as Oral Roberts (he was preaching on the Mike Douglas

TV show the other day and I thought he was reading my mail).

I think a man who has never read the Bible, or never been inside a church, can be "saved," whatever that might mean to him or to you. And I think some of the great Bible-thumping church-goers can be "lost," and good riddance to bad rubbish, as the neighborhood kids used to chant.

The important criteria is how a man lives his life and how he treats EVERYONE he bumps into on his way to church — or on his way to the bowling alley.

It's just the old-fashioned Golden Rule. If a man lives by it and also goes to church, he's got all bets covered and I'm all for him. Some of the nicest people I know go to church and then come home and tell me what I missed. God bless them.

But to each his own. The good man who doesn't go for organized religion, who shrugs off the Bible, is still a good man. Yes, even if he's an atheist. And if he's broad-minded enough not to bug the Bible fans, they should return the courtesy.

Most people who sent me bushels of quotes from the Bible usually added: "You probably won't read this." Right. I've already read it all and it's no use.

Skilful people can use Bible quotes to prove most anything, and they've done it to me many times. Usually they "prove" it's sinful for whites to mix with blacks, or to dance, or to see a movie, or enjoy sex. And so on.

My answer is always the same. If the Bible really says such dumb things, the Bible is wrong. No big deal. A lot of books are wrong. The Bible is printed in ink, not carved in a cloud.

Organized religion, going by the book, can accomplish marvelous things. It can also help put Lebanon and Ireland on the 6 o'clock news, soaked in blood.

Jesus Christ!

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denton attended the summer market show in New Orleans, La. for five days the week before last.

Mrs. Kenneth Carlisle is recuperating very well at her home here in Grayling after having had open heart surgery at Harper Hospital, Detroit. She said she did very well following surgery and that she had visitors from the Mended Hearts group which was most encouraging.

Rev. Otis Smith took their daughter, Patty, back to Spring Arbor College on Sunday, Jan. 25 following her break spent at the home of her parents. On Monday, she left with her history class to spend a week in Washington, D.C. touring the various buildings.

Call me with news - 348-7017.

Welcome Wagon

Due to the Grayling Winter Carnival, there will not be a Welcome Wagon meeting on February 9th. Since this is a community project, there is no better way to get to know our beautiful City and its residents.

Please join us the second Monday in March at 7:30 p.m. in the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. Our guest speaker will be a fascinating member of our community.

Marry Oppermann, Pres.

Marriage Announced

The former Betty DuBois and Warren Reed exchanged their marriage vows on Friday evening at 6:30 at the Thomas Welsh home, Lake Margrethe. Elder Jay Doty officiated at the double ring ceremony before the fireplace which was decorated with white daisies and tall white tapers. The couple was attended by the bride's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Welsh. Mrs. Reed wore a floor-length pink knit dress and her sister wore a floor-length blue dress. Both carried a long-stemmed red rose.

Following the ceremony, dinner was enjoyed at the home by the bridal couple, Elder and Mrs. Jay Doty, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Welsh and Thomas Welsh III and Lynn Akers.

The couple left for an overnight trip, then returned to the Welshes to spend the remainder of the weekend. They will be making their home in Millington.

District Court

The following appeared in the 83rd District Court before Judge Francis L. Walsh last week:

William Dennis Shaw, 29, of Grayling was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of Carrying a Concealed Weapon. A preliminary examination was held and a \$1,000 cash/surety bond was set. He was arrested September 20, 1975 by City policemen.

Manuel Serrato, of Saginaw demanded preliminary examination on charges of, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of phenylmetazone. He was arrested by #75 State Policemen January 17. A \$2,000 cash/surety bond was set.

Jean Hahn, 48, of Grayling demanded a preliminary examination on a charge of Welfare Fraud. Bond was set at \$1,000. She was arrested on a citizen's complaint.

Jay Osga, 17, of Frederic, pleaded guilty to a charge of False Pretense with intent to Defraud under \$100.00. Total fine and costs were \$45.00 or 5 days in jail. He was arrested on a citizen's complaint October 10, 1975.

Raymond M. Millard, 22, of Roscommon demanded preliminary examination to a charge of possession of marijuana (2nd offense). A \$100 cash/surety bond was set. He was arrested by Sheriff's Deputies January 14.

Elmer Neal, 64, of Grayling, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Total fine and costs were \$205.00 or 14 days in jail. He was arrested by Sheriff's Deputies November 3, 1975.

Joy B. Wright, 33, of Grayling, pleaded guilty to a charge of disregarding a stop sign. There was a trial by jury and the defendant was found not guilty. Wright was arrested January 11, by City Policemen.

School Activities Calendar

Week of February 6 through 12

Friday, February 6

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams will play host to the teams from Rogers City tonight. The Freshman Class will have an Aftergame Dance in the Cafe.

Saturday, February 7

A Central Michigan University Off-Campus class will be meeting in the high school.

Monday, February 9

The Freshman Basketball Team will travel to Roscommon for a game.

The Frederic Boy Scouts will meet in the Frederic School Gym at 7:30.

The Crawford County Sheriff Department will conduct a Snowmobile Safety Class in Room A-28 of the high school all this week.

Tuesday, February 10

The Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Teams will play host to the teams from Whittemore-Preseott.

Wednesday, February 11

The Girl's Volleyball Team will travel to Petoskey while the Viking Ski Team meets Cheboygan at Bear Mountain.

Thursday, February 12

The Freshman Basketball Team will host the Petoskey Freshmen tonight in the high school gym.

Viking Girls' Volleyball

The Grayling High School Girls' Volleyball Team met against three other teams at Grayling on Wednesday, January 21. Scoring was as follows: Match I: Grayling lost to St. Ignace, 9-15 and 13-15. Match II: Grayling won over Cheboygan, 15-4 and 15-9. Match III: Grayling beat Charlevoix with scores of 15-5 and 15-7.

On Wednesday, January 28, Grayling traveled to St. Ignace. The results had Grayling losing to St. Ignace and Rogers City, and winning over Charlevoix. The volleyball team traveled to Boyne City on Wednesday, February 4. Their record now stands at 4 wins and 5 losses.

Senior Citizen Calendar

February 4 through 11

Wednesday, February 4

9:30-Crafts.
12:00-Dinner - Soup, Salad, Liver & Onions, Hash Browns, Corn Muffins, Creamed Peas, Cheesecake.

12:30-Games.
1:00-China Painting Class.
1:00-Belly Dancing Class.
7:00-High School Movie.

Thursday, February 5

9:00-Bible History Class.
9:30-Crafts.
12:00-Dinner - Juice, Salad, Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Spinach, Biscuits, Apple Betty.

12:30-Sing-a-Long.
1:00-Lingerie Sewing.
1:00-Birds.
7:00-Square Dancing.

Friday, February 6

10:00-Mass.
12:00-Dinner - Soup, Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Fish, Green Beans, Buns, Cake.

12:30-Movies.
1:00-Shuffleboard.
1:00-Ceramics.
1:00-Plants.
7:30-Cards.

Sunday, February 8

2:00-80-100 Club.
7:00-Bingo - Everyone 18 or older welcome.

Monday, February 9

9:00-Income Tax Assistance.
12:00-Dinner - Soup, Salad, Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato, Corn, Rolls, Apple Kuchen.

12:30-Cards.
1:00-China Painting.
1:00-Belly Dancing.
12:45-Glaucoma Screening.

Tuesday, February 10

8:30-Housing Board.
9:30-Crafts.
12:00-Dinner - Juice, Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Bean Creole, Bread, Brownies.

12:30-Religious Discussion.
1:00-Painting.
1:00-Needlepoint.
1:00-Kitchen Band.
2:00-Choral.
6:30-Silver Tops.

Wednesday, February 11

8:30-Commission on Aging Brd.
9:30-Crafts.
12:00-Dinner - Soup, Salad, Stewed Chicken with Dumplings, Buttered Carrots, Sour Cream Torte, Bread.

1:00-China Painting.
1:00-Belly Dancing.
2:00-Stag Party.

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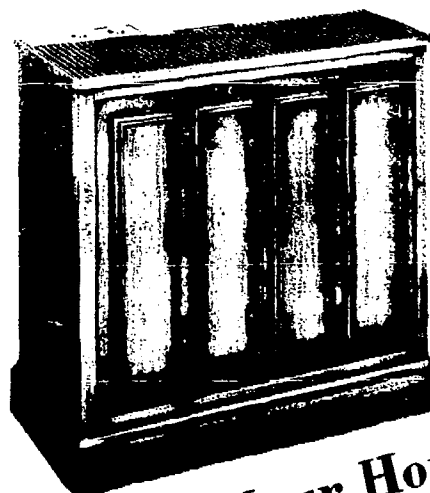
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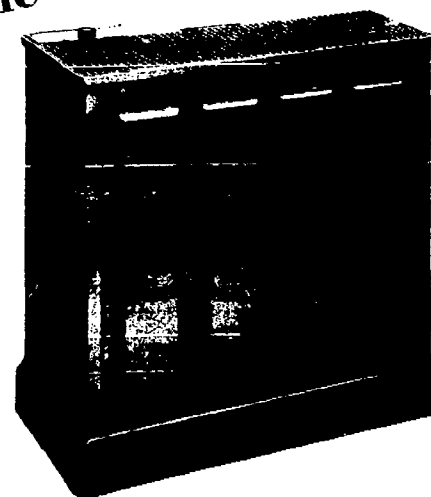
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— School Happenings —

Superintendent's Corner

By Fraser Dean

Auditors have completed the audits of school costs in the four county intermediate school district for 1975. Crawford AuSable Schools again spent the lowest amount per pupil with an average cost of \$823.85 per pupil compared to an average per pupil expenditure of \$935.22 for area schools.

The following is a comparison of area school expenditures:

School District	Number of Pupils	Cost Per Pupil
Crawford AuSable	2,148	823.85
Mio AuSable	833	927.10
Fairview	526	897.17
West Branch-Rose City	2,703	1,050.75
Gerrish-Higgins	1,640	967.35
Houghton Lake	1,748	878.55

The following is a comparison of percentage expenditures in the four county area:

School Dist.	Instruct.	Adminis.	Health	Pint. Oper.	Mainten.	Fixed Chgs.	Transpor.	Total
Crawford AuSable	67.94%	3.98	.41	11.13	2.03	5.24	9.27	100%
Mio AuSable	66.89%	4.28	0	9.71	.40	8.31	10.41	100%
Fairview	65.72%	6.04	0	9.51	1.70	5.81	11.22	100%
West Branch-Rose City	70.67%	3.70	.59	7.84	2.51	5.72	8.97	100%
Gerrish-Higgins	60.67%	4.23	.08	13.55	1.27	9.64	10.46	100%
Houghton Lake	64.23%	4.82	0	8.72	3.69	8.09	10.45	100%
Grand Totals	66.67%	4.22	.28	9.92	2.17	6.95	9.79	100%

Frederic Elementary News

Kindergarten kids have been working in learning centers since Christmas vacation. The children are eager to do the work available in each center. They are doing printing, art work, numbers, ABC activities and much more at the centers. The children are showing good progress in self discipline in their centers.

Once a week, older students, who are members of the reading club, will be given a kindergarten student to tutor. Club members have been busy planning activities that would help teach ABC's, language, and numbers. Tutors make up lessons and get their materials ready before Mrs. McEver's students arrive. The club spent a lot of time learning how to be good tutors.

Pat Geiss spent a week in our Resource program assisting the kids with many activities. Miss Geiss is attending Central Michigan University.

"We hope she comes back again. We'll remember what we learned from her. We wish she was always here to help us. We'll show her how smarter we are by spring time."

Fifteen fourth graders started division. Right now they are easy but soon they will be getting harder.

They have a new classmate - Todd Herman. Todd came from Grayling.

Production Staff Named For "No-No Nanette" Musical

This year's spring musical has officially been announced as "No-No Nanette". The production staff has also been selected. They are as follows: Student Director, Paula Hunter; Directors of sales, Karen Malonen and Peggy Stephan; Stage Director, John Galloway; House Manager, Vivian Stanton; Program Director, Sue Kitch; Head of Props, Becky Frisbie; Staff Secretary, Candy Ward; Costume Mistress, Penny Winslow, and Head of Make-up, Carmen Bigler.

Auditions for "No-No Nanette" will be held the first week of February. All Grayling High School students are more than welcome to try out for any part in the play they wish.



DENISE CAMPEAU, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campeau of Frederic, won the word contest in Mr. Hatfield's 4th grade class. Denise found 96 other words in the word 'Bicentennial' using a 4th grade dictionary.



STATE POLICE DUTIES EXPLAINED—On Tuesday, January 23rd, officer D.M. Fox of the Michigan State Police visited the 2nd and 3rd grades of the Grayling Elementary School. Officer Fox is pictured here explaining his duties to the students of Mrs. William's and Mrs. Knibbs' second grade. He told the students what the various insignia on his uniform meant, showed the students the contents of the trunk as well as blowing his siren. A policeman's job is comprised of the following roles: Psychologist, Olympian, Lawyer, Investigator, Car racer, Educator, M.D., Auto mechanic, Nurse. (In case you didn't catch it, the jobs listed above for a policeman, spell his line of work, P-O-L-I-C-E-M-A-N.)



MAKING CANDLES—Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Benson's class made candles the way they did a long time ago. Who's in the picture? Tressia Estep, Vickie Kea, Tammy Pettit, Jon Nicholas, Don Lange and Collen Hall. How did they do it? They got some string and tied a nut onto the end of the string. They had two cans of wax. They dipped the string in. They dipped it in 52 times. They got some funny shapes, too. They did it in two hours. (by Vickie Kea and Lexis Wegner)

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Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court For
The County of Crawford,
Estate of Elizabeth Severin,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
TAKE NOTICE. On the 13th day of February, 1976, at 10:00 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, before the Honorable Emil L. Kraus, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Fay C. Bovee, Executrix of said estate. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to Nelson A. Miles, Attorney for estate, at 2003 I-75 Business Loop South, PO Box 303, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and proof thereof, with copies of the claims filed with the Court on or before April 14, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. Notice is further given that a determination of the legal heirs of said deceased will be made on said date. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated January 14, 1976.
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Matthew
11:20-30

Monday
Romans
5:1-11

Tuesday
Romans
8:1-17

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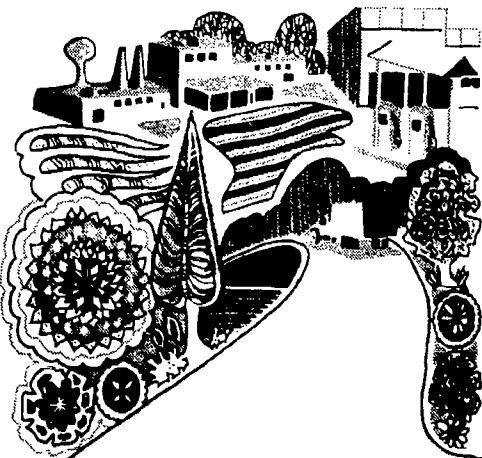


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High Game: K. Carlisle, 233; R. Case, 226; P. Faustman, 219.

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Triangle League

1. Pine Aire Motel 66
2. Russ' Dry Wall 62
3. Glen's Blue 55
4. Wee 3 54
5. Milltown Cafe 47
6. Weaver's Milltown 45
7. Glen's Red 36
8. Glen's Bag Boys 19
- High Game: C. Marshall, 224; R. Helsel, 213; F. Arwood, 207; High Series: F. Arwood, 566; R. Helsel, 565; T. Grant, 547.

Niteowl Mixed Doubles

1. LP Plastics 23
2. Arrowhead Inn 23
3. Legion Lounge 16 1/2
4. AuSable Motel 16
5. Palmer P & H 15
6. Legion Lanes 14 1/2
7. Wilts Carpet 14
8. Van's Lumber 6
- High Game, Men: R. Perez, 234; W. Robinson, 206; S. Houlton, 184.

High Series, Men: R. Perez, 583; W. Robinson, 514; S. Houlton, 505.

High Game, Women: B. Donnelly, 192; J. Ingalls, 172; M. Balch & M. Perez, 158.

High Series, Women: B. Donnelly, 495; J. Ingalls, 447; M. Balch, 440.

Sunday Afternoon Fun League

1. Dad's Sport Shop 11
2. Pizza Castle 10
3. Carol's Mobil #2 10
4. Spike's 8
5. Collier Excavating 8
6. True Value Hdwe. 7
7. Grayling Enterprises 6
8. Carol's Mobil #1 4
- High Series, Women: S. Muth, 434; H. Nielson, 429; S. Middleton, 417.

High Game, Women: S. Middleton, 167; S. Muth, 155; H. Nielson, 154.

High Series, Men: C. Fye, 597; W. Rose, 558; C. Porter, 546.

High Game, Men: C. Fye, 234; J. Collen, 215; H. Baker, 212.

Sunday Nite Mixed

1. Beaver Bend 19
2. Jake's Refuse 16
3. Grayling Auto 13
4. Legion 12
5. Seyfert's 12
6. R & H Sports 9
7. Bill's Standard 8
8. Post Oil 7
- High Series, Women: L. Tobin, 531; E. Helsel, 508; A. Moore, 470.

High Game, Women: L. Tobin, 195; E. Helsel, 181; J. Gorman, 169.

High Series, Men: B. Cox, 565; C. Marshall, 535; J. Helsel, 525.

High Game, Men: B. Cox, 198; C. Marshall, 192; B. Tobin, 188.

EAGLES AUX. NOTICE

Notice to all auxiliary members. Please try to attend the February 12 meeting. Very important matter to be discussed. Ann Latusek, Sec'y.

Lovells News

by Ruth Caldwell

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinsman have returned home after spending a month's vacation in Florida.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rita Pulgini Thursday evening at 8:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood flew to California to attend the R.E.A. Convention this week.

The Card Party was well attended with prizes won by Maxine DeBoer, Ann Duby, Jack Spear, Lonnie Stafford and Mrs. Stahl. Doris Roberts and Fred Schabily will have the party Saturday evening. Everyone is welcome. Potluck.

Mrs. Edith Maki is visiting her daughter and family in Georgia. Her address is 1640 Birmingham Rd., Alpharetta, Ga. 30201, c/o D.D. McKinney.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gale DeBoer and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stahl and family, who are new residents of our community.

The Avalanche — Your
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Editor's Mailbox

January 29, 1976

H.D. Madsen, Publisher
The Crawford County Avalanche
Dear Whitey:

It gave us great pleasure to read your editorial corner in the January 23rd of that great northern newspaper called The Crawford County Avalanche.

Your splendid editorial gave mention of the dinner given by the Grayling State Bank honoring Jack Alef for 25 years of employment with the Bank. You further outline Jack's 25 years of service to the City of Grayling and Crawford County.

We heartily endorse this action and the fact that Jack indeed has given far and beyond the call of duty for the president of any bank to have given to his community. Double measure has been received by the Community as Grayling State Bank certainly gave strong support to Jack in his community endeavors.

No one will ever know just how many crises in the community that Jack has become involved in... how often he has been the intermediary for different factions of the community... how often he has given of his advice and counsel... his shoulders have been very broad. You ask how we know all of this... we used very heavily from that human resource called Jack Alef for some 12 years and without him, we would never have made it.

For 25 years Jack Alef has been an integral part of Grayling and Crawford County... let's hope that they will have him as an outstanding leader for another 25 years.

Chum and Marilyn Longworth

Board of Directors Elected For First Savings and Loan

First Savings and Loan Association of Saginaw held its annual meeting of members on January 21, 1976, during which time members of the Board and Officers of the Association were elected.

Re-elected to serve three year terms on First Savings' Board of Directors were: William B. Krebs, Secretary-Treasurer, Travelo Home Corp. and Robert J. McLeod, Treasurer, Saginaw Sheet Metal Parts Corp. Earl E. Raymond was re-elected to serve a one year term as Director Emeritus and Charles A. McLeod was elected Director Emeritus for a one year term.

Additional Board members whose terms have not expired are: Lyman J. Goes, Retired; A.S. Harvey, Sarge Harvey Ford; B.J. Humphreys, Lamson, Humphreys, Clark & Snide Law Firm; John R. Ikner, Retired; William W. Kessel, President, Wm. C. Wiechmann Co.; C. Ward Lauderbach, Special Representative, McDonald Dairy; Richard E. Schenck, President and Chief Executive Officer, First Savings and Loan; and Lloyd J. Yeo, Yeo and Yeo Certified Public Accountants. Humphreys was also re-elected Chairman of the Board.

Schenck was re-elected as President and Chief Executive Officer of First Savings as were the following officers: William F. Lawrence, Executive Vice President; Presley H. Williams, Sr. Vice President and Corporate Treasurer; James B. Rupprecht, Sr. Vice President and Corporate Secretary; Richard W. Trace, Sr. Vice President, Lending Operations; Douglas O. Hanton, Sr. Vice President, Personnel; and Bentley A. Bremer, Sr. Vice President, Branch Operations.

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FIRST SAVINGS and LOAN ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF CONDITION

As of December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash and U.S. Government and Agency Securities	\$ 32,241,651.13
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	1,919,700.00
First Mortgage Loans	244,224,434.98
Real Estate Contracts	1,503,970.36
Other Loans	4,175,230.85
Real Estate Owned	3,684,730.74
Office Buildings, Equipment & Furnishings (less depreciation)	4,898,527.46
Prepayment to FSLIC Secondary Reserve	1,148,073.11
Other Assets	203,640.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 293,999,359.15

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	\$ 262,868,969.65
Loans in Process	5,154,176.88
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	5,000,000.00
Other Liabilities	4,359,965.55
Specific Reserves & Deferred Income	991,138.57
General Reserves & Undivided Profits	15,625,108.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 293,999,359.15

We solemnly swear that this is a true statement, to the best of our knowledge and belief, of the financial condition of First Savings and Loan Association of Saginaw, Michigan, on December 31, 1975.

Douglas O. Hanton

Douglas O. Hanton
Notary Public
Saginaw County, Michigan

My Commission Expires:
July 11, 1979

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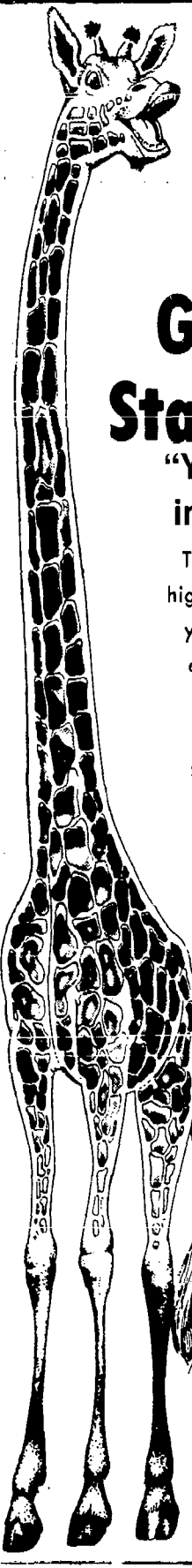
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your week ahead
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Forecast Period: February 8 to February 14
Avoid making a phone call that you know will upset you emotionally and disrupt your daily routine. For now, silence is golden!
A definite change in attitude, toward the opposite sex, shows in your chart for many older members of your sign.
Those under your sign, unattached, should anticipate overtures from an unexpected source; things are favorable in affairs of the heart.
Platonic associates and people who like to talk, seem to dominate your chart. This week might be "exciting," in a dull sort of way.
It might seem like stock advice, nonetheless, re-read documents before you sign. Being misled by printed matter is indicated.
Don't let first impressions fool you! A member of the opposite sex, so it seems, is determined to deceive you.
Most members of your sign tend to be in a free wheeling mood, as far as finances are concerned.
Two things show in your chart: There's added responsibility on the way, and having your way with the opposite sex.
Diplomacy, this week, won't be one of your strong points. Guard your words, especially with close associates, and loved ones.
Remember, one ship sails East another West...with the same wind. It isn't the gale, but the set of the sail—that determines the direction we take.
Take care when discussing a problem with someone in authority. Apparently, you're in the mood to provoke a superior.
Don't depend on help or cooperation. Especially, when surrounded by associates, whom you know oppose you, secretly.

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City Council Proceedings
Regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 26, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McEvers.
Members present: Golnick, Hanson, Thompson, McEvers. Member absent: Knight. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager; Allen V. Schreiner, City Treasurer; Larry Akers, Thomas R. Welsh II, Harold R. Heyll and Lee Crull of H.S. & B General Contractor, Inc. and John Bosserman.
Motion by Golnick, supported by Hanson that the minutes of the meeting January 12, 1976 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:
The public hearing on the rezoning of the Grayling Country Club property was declared open. Mr. Morford detailed the history of the rezoning of the property from R-1 to R-2. The hearing was to discuss a change from R-2 back to the original R-1. Mr. Morford read a letter from Robert Schwarz stating that the Country Club Board opposed the return to R-1 zoning. Mr. Morford recommended the rezoning back to R-1 in order to avoid "spot" zoning of an area with no adequate access, due to the fact that the previous plans for a nursing home with adequate access, have been abandoned. Motion by McEvers, supported by Golnick that the area in question described as: "Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 18, T26N, R 3 W; thence S89°21'W along EW 1/4 line 433.3 feet to point of beginning; thence continuing S89°21'W 883.35 feet to 1/8 line; thence N 1°55'30"E along 1/8 line 495.0 feet; thence N89°21'E to a point 433.0 feet west of the east Section Line of said Section 18; thence S1°53'W to point of beginning. Being part of the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 18, T26N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and contains 10.0 acres" be rezoned to R-1 as recommended, with the understanding that reconsideration of the area may be needed in the future if and when there are specific development plans for the area. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:
MDSH re: Major street criteria.
MML re: Upcoming Legislative Conference.
CITIZENS WHO WISHED TO SPEAK:
Ms. Vina Walker and Mr. Roger Kniff appeared to discuss the use of property at 702 Elm Street for an adult convalescent home. Mr. Morford read a letter which he had sent to Ms. Walker relative to this matter. Ms. Walker detailed some of her concerns and asked for council help. Mr. Morford explained that the only two ways that this can be accomplished are: a. Rezoning hearing or b. Zoning Board of Appeals determination of interpretation of the Ordinance. A Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be scheduled upon written request of Ms. Walker.
NEW BUSINESS:
Bids for remodeling of the old fire station were received from: 1. H.S. & B General Contractors of St. Clair Shores, Mi. 5% Bid Bond Accompanied - \$16,900.00. 2. P. H. Williams & Son, Inc. of Birmingham, Mi. 10% Bid Bond Accompanied - \$16,000.00. Mr. Morford recommended that both bids be tabled for review by himself and the engineer by the February 9, 1976 meeting. Motion by Hanson, supported by Golnick that bids be tabled to the February 9, 1976 meeting for review and recommendation by the City Manager. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
The 1976 Street Construction Program was discussed. Mr. Morford showed Council a map displaying four different programs of paving. He recommended a combination of parts of two of these programs as follows: 1. Peninsular Street from Ottawa to Lake Street. 2. Lake Street from I-75 B.L. to Maple Street. 3. Maple Street from Michigan Ave. to I-75 B.L. 4. Ottawa Street from Peninsular to Maple Street. 5. Spruce Street from Michigan Ave. to Ottawa Street. This program is estimated to cost approximately \$242,000. Motion by Golnick, supported by Hanson that the city be authorized to proceed with the engineering plans for the stated program for bid in early spring. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
Mr. Morford reported on a meeting with MDSH on their 1976 program in Grayling.
Discussion was held on the 1976 water system improvement program. The engineers were here on January 26, 1976 to make the test borings for the water storage tank site.
Possible new rate structure for Elmwood Cemetery was presented to council. The cemetery consistently costs more to operate than the revenues generated and the new structure is to try to minimize the losses. Motion by Golnick, supported by McEvers, that the cemetery rate structure be tabled until the February 23 meeting to allow review and discussion with Grayling Township. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
Mr. Morford reported that Parcel "A" will be brought up at the February DNR Commission meeting. He received this information from Troy Yoder of the DNR.
NEW BUSINESS:
No bids were received on the Apoco Copier.
REPORTS OF COUNCILMEM:
There were no reports by councilmen.
Mr. McEvers presented a letter from Larry Manley re: a nursing home.
REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER:
Mr. Morford reported on the following items:
CETA Employment Contracts.
Mausoleum progress.
Traffic sign needs.
Ordinance Codification.
Lagoon permit progress.
Proposed MML Legislative Conference.
ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Golnick, supported by Hanson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.
Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & Clerk

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County Board of Commissioners

11 Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday February 5, 1976

Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 12th day of January 1976.

Meeting called to order by County Clerk, Leo E. Lovely.
Roll Call. Rolla Failing, Patrick Harwood, Fred Kauffman, Joseph LaGrow, Edward Lowrie, Dean Welch — All Present. Kenneth Carlisle — Absent.

This being an organizational meeting, the County Clerk called for a motion for a temporary Chairman.

MOTION by Failing, second by LaGrow, that Fred Kauffman be appointed temporary Chairman. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

The temporary Chairman called for nominations for a permanent Chairman.

MOTION by Failing, second by Welch, that Fred Kauffman be nominated for permanent Chairman. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by Harwood, second by Failing, that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Fred Kauffman for permanent Chairman. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Chairman Kauffman called for nominations for Chairman ProTem.

MOTION by Failing, second by LaGrow, that Patrick Harwood be nominated for Chairman ProTem. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by Welch, second by LaGrow, that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote be cast for Pat Harwood for Chairman ProTem. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Invocation by Mr. Kauffman.

Our Heavenly Father: We thank Thee this day for the opportunity Thou has given us of being able to serve as a Commissioner to this County. We thank Thee for the opportunity of knowing and associating with dedicated men. We ask Thee to guide and direct each of us, and we pray that we may be more considerate and more tolerant of each other as we proceed the issues of our County, that our end result will be acceptable, not only to people of our County, but also in the sight of Thee, Amen.

Chairman Kauffman appointed committees for 1976.

CHAPLAIN — Kauffman.

FINANCE — "Lowrie, Welch, Failing.

LAW ENFORCEMENT — "Welch, Lowrie, Failing.

HEALTH & WELFARE — "Kauffman, Failing, LaGrow-Alt.

MENTAL HEALTH — Lowrie.

BUILDING — "Failing, Harwood, Lowrie, Welch.

PERSONNEL — "Lowrie, Welch, Harwood.

DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS — "Failing, Carlisle, LaGrow, Welch.

MANPOWER BOARD — "Failing, Carlisle.

PLANNING COMMITTEE — "Lowrie, Harwood-Alternate.

UNION BARGAINING — "Welch, Lowrie, LaGrow, Harwood.

2nd DIST. MAC — "Kauffman, Lowrie-Delegate, Welch, Failing.

REHABILITATION COMM. — "Failing, Harwood.

YOUTH SERVICE — "Failing, LaGrow.

REGIONAL COMM. — "Welch, Failing.

MICH. NORTHERN COUNTRIES — "Lowrie-Delegate, Failing, LaGrow-Alternate.

ROADS & BRIDGES — "Welch, Failing, Harwood, Carlisle.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE — "Lowrie, LaGrow-Alternate.

BENEFITS & INS. STUDY — "LaGrow, Welch, Lowrie.

MICH. ASSN. OF REGIONS — "Failing, Kauffman.

D.N.R. LAND PLANNING — "Lowrie, Failing, Welch, Carlisle.

AUSABLE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL — "Carlisle.

PLANNING AND LAND USE STUDY — "Lowrie, Failing, Welch, Carlisle.

ALLEGATIONS — Lowrie.

INDICATES Chairman.

Representative Ralph Ostling met with the Board and answered their questions regarding possible legislation. Major areas covered were: Mental Health budget cuts, which make it impossible to carry out the state programs, Tax Relief for small businesses, Workmen's Compensation law, Change in school funding to take it off the property taxes; Welfare abuse; New jail rules; Income Tax increases.

MOTION by Harwood, second by Lowrie, that the minutes of the December session be approved, after two corrections are made. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

CORRECTION: Mental Health Directors' Contract has been prepared, not Union Contract.

CORRECTION: Personnel Committee was given permission to hire a man to train for an opening in the Equalization Department if there is no additional cost to the County.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Senator Davis acknowledged receipt of resolutions passed by the Board.

2. Department of Social Services advised that they will be turning back to the County General Fund that portion of the 1975 appropriation which was not used.

3. Department of Military Affairs requested financial support in the establishment of a beach-swimming area at Camp Grayling on the south end of Lake Margrethe for use by military and civilian personnel. The Board of Commissioners assured them of their interest in this project. It will be referred to the Parks Commission, and other avenues for funding will be explored.

4. Lakeview Manor Nursing Home requested the Board to consider purchasing 10 acres from Mr. Earl Gierke for the purpose of holding the site for future construction of a facility to service Grayling area.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Failing, that a reply be sent to Lakeview advising that Crawford County is financially unable to consider their request for purchasing the Gierke option, with regrets. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

5. National Association of Counties requested membership dues.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Failing, that the Board does not join National Association of Counties. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

6. Application for Farm Land Agreement was received from Godfrey MacColeman. This was referred to the Register of Deeds for further action.

7. Department of Natural Resources advised that reimbursement for County Marine Safety Program for 1976 will be made, subject to state appropriation.

8. Penn Central Transportation Company gave notice of their intention, effective February 27, 1976, to terminate all rail service on the Mackinaw Branch between Kawawlin and Gaylord, Michigan.

9. Northeast Michigan Manpower Consortium Board decided to aid the present operation of the Crawford County Drug Lab, by funding the salaries and fringe benefits for Carl Lugvial and EllaBelle Goodwin from January 1, 1976 to September 30, 1976.

10. Congressman Philip E. Ruppe has co-sponsored a revenue sharing bill to extend revenue sharing for six more years because of its importance to Northern Michigan.

11. North Central Michigan Mental Health Financial Report was filed.

12. Training schedule for Michigan National Guard was read to the Board.

13. East Michigan Tourist Association Executive Vice President, James H. Hall, offered to meet with the Board at any time to discuss the county's appropriation and to update them regarding the tourist industry status and Bicentennial projects.

14. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson sent photos to the attention of the Board.

Mr. Reid, Wares Brothers, quoted prices and answered questions about the Canon Copier.

Harold Clingensmith and Fred Schaubly, representing the Building Authority, met with the Board.

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, that the Building Authority be allowed to go to the bank for Bond Anticipation Notes, and to bill the State for the leased Canon property at \$550.00 per month, to reimburse the Building Authority. Roll Call. Welch, Lowrie, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman — All Aye. Carried.

Larry Mattis and Dick Schaeffer asked the Board to further consider the possibility of electing Road Commissioners and bringing this to the voters at the next election. It will be taken under advisement.

Jim Richards, Xerox Corporation, quoted prices and various plans for copier rental or purchase.

Lawrence Hunter, Register of Deeds, spoke to the Board about the advantages of a maintenance contract on the Printer and Processor in his office.

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, to enter into a Maintenance Contract at \$1,208.00, to come out of the Register of Deeds Line Item Budget under Microfilm Supplies. Roll Call. Welch, Lowrie, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman, LaGrow — All Aye. Carried.

Commissioner Welch excused at 3:00 p.m.

Joe Wakeley, County Treasurer, gave the financial report as of this date. He asked for approval to check the feasibility of continuing with the Tax Repealing Fund and picking up all townships this year on Tax Anticipation Notes. He also informed the Board of deficits in the Law Library Fund and Child Care Fund.

MOTION by Harwood, second by Failing, to approve transfers from the General Fund to Law Library Fund to cover deficit of

\$473.51 and to the Child Care Fund to cover deficit of \$23,149.12. Roll Call. Harwood, Failing, Kauffman, LaGrow, Lowrie — All Aye. Carried.

Jerry Kraycs, Dick Schaeffer, Harold Mertes and Fred Schaubly, Township Officers, spoke to the Board about rising costs in the townships and advised them that the costs of tax roll preparation are more than the amount of collection fees allowed them. They were advised to prepare their budgets with this in mind, and to present them to the Tax Allocation Board.

Jerry Morford and Al Schreiner, representing the City of Grayling, met with the Board. They asked if there was any possibility of funds to retain their CETA employee, Ron Deak. Janice Cornell, CETA Director, was called in. She will look into all possibilities with MESO.

INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT by LaGrow. He is in the process of writing specifications for the County Insurance Program.

Chairman Kauffman adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 13th.

Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners continued and held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 13th day of January 1976.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kauffman.

Roll Call. Rolla Failing, Patrick Harwood, Fred Kauffman, Edward Lowrie, Dean Welch — All Present. Kenneth Carlisle, Joseph LaGrow — Absent.

Larry Gust, Department of Public Works, met with the Board. He will give a report at the February meeting. Also he was advised to have Rolla Failing present at all joint meetings with Otsego County, to represent this Board. Local meetings are the second Thursday of each month.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Failing, that the Department of Public Works Board will be a seven man Board. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

David C. Hollister, State Representative of 57th District, asked for input by the counties into their task of trying to update, consolidate and codify all County Statutes.

Harley, Ellington, Pierce presented an Analysis of Heating System, Crawford County Court House. This will be referred to the Presenting Attorney to see if anything can be done back to the contractors who built the Court House.

Larry Hunter, Equalization Director, gave a preliminary report on the work of the State Tax Commission people working in the County. Basically this will mean a raise of 25-30%. He further inquired if the Board favored auditing the assessment rolls after the Board of Review meetings in the spring. The Board advised that they will audit the assessment rolls, as a whole Board.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Kauffman. He attended election of officers of District Health Department #1 in Wexford County. Mr. Kauffman is Vice-Chairman and also will report to the State Board of Health in Lansing. If there are any cases of Mumps in Crawford County, they will be treated free at the Health Department. There is one TB home patient in the county, and venereal disease is down 8%. He reported on Child Abuse nursing services and responsibilities. He asked for passage of the following resolution:

Resolution regarding Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and Human Health.

WHEREAS PBB's have been implicated in the widespread contamination of meat and milk on dairy farms within the jurisdiction of District Health Department No. 1 as well as other parts of the state and

WHEREAS the cattle contaminated with PBB have shown a wide range of physical effects, many of which are serious, and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the population of this jurisdiction has been exposed to various levels of contamination by PBB through consumption of PBB contaminated products and

WHEREAS PBB comes in various forms and

WHEREAS very little research has been conducted relative to the human health aspects of PBB in its various forms

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Crawford County deems it essential, in the interest of the public health, that additional research be conducted in the area of the human health aspects of polybrominated biphenyls and urges financial support of the program proposed by Michigan Department of Public Health.

MOTION by Failing, second by Lowrie, to pass resolution regarding Human Health and PBB's in meat and milk. Roll Call. Carried.

Bob McCollier, Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance, representing MAC, reviewed his group plan and cost. He was referred to the Northern Counties meeting on January 22nd where he could talk to 29 or more county representatives. He was also asked to meet with Commissioner LaGrow, Insurance Study Chairman, later that day.

Commissioner Welch read a letter from Mercy Hospital addressed to him. The hospital asked permission to submit an application for a grant for radio communication equipment. Grant money has to be handled through a governmental agency.

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, to approve the request of January 8, 1976 submitted by Mercy Hospital to run their grant through this governmental agency, for the purpose of radio communication equipment, at no cost to Crawford County. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT by Lowrie. He reported on construction holdings with the Mental Health portion of the Human Services Building in Cadillac. Commissioner Lowrie attended two days of meetings in Lansing. The Board was forced to absorb another budget cut. He spoke about the burden of local community boards to provide services after patients are dismissed from hospitals. Mr. McGuire has volunteered MAC services to lobby for state funds.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT by Failing. The Board discussed the need for money to continue construction of the Sheriff's garage. Bond Anticipation Notes for temporary funding were discussed.

Northeast Regional Commission Report by Welch. Commissioner Welch attended the Executive meeting at Atlanta on Dec. 19th, at which time the financial report was approved. Detective Agency spending was discussed, also a Probation Officer for the 83rd District Court. He reported on transportation hearings on Highway 131. Northeast Commission is involved in crossovers to the eastern part of the state. Also they have a committee working on railroads. Commissioner Welch stressed the value of work being done by Northeast Region.

Mr. Kauffman reported that there is no 2nd District of MAC any more. It is now the 2nd Region of MAC. Mr. Kauffman is President and Mr. Welch Secretary. Treasurer. They meet quarterly at Grayling with Northern Counties Association.

ROADS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE REPORT by Welch. He discussed signs for the parking lot. There are plans for a new bridge over the Dam road in the spring.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. Hearing in Circuit Court is set for January 26th at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Horn at Standish on their Request for Intervention and for Accelerated Action. Mr. McCarver holds an Assistant Manager's license. They are submitting regular complaints to the state about lack of maintenance and snowplowing.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Welch. Radio Grant was rejected. The Committee recommends holding all Lab bills till a cost analysis is set up with the Sheriff's Department. Youth Officer Erickson answered 48 complaints, and his mileage was discussed. It was the opinion of the Board that the Parking Lot Ordinance should be enforced, but subject to signing. Snowmobile training and Marine training were discussed.

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, to purchase from Wares Bros. Office Supply, under their 25 month Government Lease Plan, a Canon Copier NP-70. This purchase is under their proposed 5 year plan, of which the 4th and 5th year maintenance contract will be \$600.00 per year. Roll Call. Welch, Lowrie, Failing, Kauffman — All Aye. Carried.

1st month \$3100.00

13th month 1980.00

25th month 1980.00

37th month 600.00

49th month 600.00

Total \$8260.00

Commissioner Lowrie gave the Board information which he has researched on Fixed Millage.

Chuck Clark, Kalkaska County Commissioner, and Jim Michaels, Licensed Plumbing Inspector, met with the Board. Mr. Michaels was interested in doing the plumbing inspections in this County. It was the consensus of the Board that the inspections must be made on a fee basis.

The matter of the salary for the Probation Officer's Secretary was discussed.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by Welch, that the Circuit Court Probation Officer's Secretary be granted an incremental pay raise due her in the amount of 21 cents per hour, in accordance with Crawford County Wage and Study Program. Roll Call. Lowrie, Welch, Failing, Kauffman — All Aye. Carried.

Lawrence Hunter, Register of Deeds, and Joe Wakeley, County

Treasurer, asked the Board about the possibility of retaining their CETA Secretary, Donna Schaeffer.

MOTION by Failing, second by Lowrie, that the Chairman of the Board and the County Clerk be authorized to sign any and all leases with the State of Michigan. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT by Lowrie. Neil Steinhoff and Bill Bosserman met with Commissioner Lowrie and the Planning Commission and discussed land use categories, the possibility of new programs, also talked of having one committee for Planning and one for Zoning. Commissioner Lowrie has been in contact with Antrim County people, and asked the feeling of the Board as to having them come over to talk to our planning Commission on their Wetlands Ordinance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Welch. Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw orders on the County Treasurer.

NAME OF CLAIMANT	CHARACTER OF CLAIM	ALLOWED & REJECTED
General Telephone Company	Nov. Telephone service	831.43
General Telephone Company	Dec. Telephone service	736.51
Michigan Consolidated Gas	Fuel	540.72
Consumers Power Company	Electricity	873.75
Marshall W. Rosenberg	Sten. Rpt. in Cir. Crt.	99.11
Thomas C. Hall, M. D.	Medical Expense	18.60
Edward A. Quinnell	Travel expense	8.50
Mich. Prib. & Juv. Crt. Jgs. Assn.	Dues	100.00
Cornell Agency, Inc., Ins.	Bond & Audit Adjustment	267.00
Star Office Supply	Office Supplies	5.67
Mich. Court Administrators Assn.	Dues	25.00
Wares Brothers	Office Supplies	61.35
Michigan Assn. of Counties	Dues	Hold
Crawford County Avalanche	Office Sup. & Printing	104.20
Cadillac Janitor Supply	Janitor supplies	24.17
R & H Sports Center	Engraving	2.30
Miller Hardware	Bldg. Maintenance	29.86
Air Filter Sales & Service	Heating	84.43
Fochman Motor Co.	Jan. Sup. & Car Exp.	179.74
Jansen Plumbing Service	Ht. & Plb. equip. & rep.	3274.52
Joe Dunge	Show. Veh. Mntnce.	215.63
Robert L. Britton	Professional Services	240.00
Mt. St. Assn. of Cnty. Clerks	Dues	25.00
Short Freight Lines, Inc.	Freight	14.75
Grayling Office Supply	Office Supplies	76.93
Doubladay Bros. and Co.	Office Supplies	1455.84
Sorenson Agency & Assoc.	Short Term Tax Bond	644.00
Mt. Assn. of Cnty. Treas.	Dues	25.00
Grayling State Bank	Safe deposit box rent	3.00
Register of Deeds Assn.	Dues	20.00
Pitney Bowes	Stamp machine rental	273.00
B. G. C. Graphic Equipment	Equip. & Rep.	138.50
Auto. Parts & Supply Co.	Microfilm Supplies	9.70
Marshall & Swift Pub. Co.	Arprt. & Veh. Mntnce.	45.00
Larry D. Hunter	Office Supplies	29.70
Communications Service	Equip. & Rep.	338.00
Amoco Oil Company	Car expense	7.68
Bill Hart Ford, Inc.	Car expense	181.62
Mich. Sheriff's Assn.	Dues	15.00
Total	Car expense	218.79
Larry's Auto Repair & Towing	Car expense	37.90
Mac's Drug Store	Med. Exp. & Film Sup.	156.95
Charles Fick, Standard Oil	Car expense	1555.44
Tutts Distributing Co., Inc.	Ambulance expense	5.70
George Erickson	Travel expense	234.75
Northern Prof. Em. Phy. PC	Medical expense	126.00
Bill's Laundry & Dry Cleaning	Laundry	39.30
P. A. Juntilla, D.D.S.	Medical expense	12.00
Cadillac Overall Supply Co.	Amb. exp. & Jan. sup.	26.46
Floyd G. Millikin	Dog burial	81.00
District Health Dept. No. 1	Appropriation	7919.50
N. C. M. H. S. B.	Appropriation	2066.00
Willard Bosserman	Coop. Ext. Ser.	190.40
TVMD	Radio Beacon Inspe.	40.00
St. of Mi. Dept. of Mlttry. Aff.	Airport expense	110.58
St. of Mi. Fed. Sur. Prop. Sec.	Civil Defense	49.50
Harold R. Clingensmith	Travel expense	336.25
Leo E. Lovely	Travel expense	236.80
Xerox Corporation	Equip. rent. & Sup.	266.86
Grace Stancil	Travel expense	12.00
Jeremy Jones	Travel expense	50.20
Edith L. Kerr	Travel expense	24.50
Harold Mertes	Travel expense	22.70
Arthur Lozon	Travel expense	46.80
Crawford County Rd. Comm.	Dr. Com exp.-Arprt. exp.	359.02
Scuba North, Inc.	Equipment	97.86
James O. Yeargan	Equipment	423.00
State of Michigan	Film rental	3.00
Mary E. Harland	Travel expense	20.00
Lora Gould	Travel expense	20.00
Lawrence Mattis	Travel Expense	20.00
Jerry Morford	Travel expense	20.00
Mac's Drug & Fochman Motor & American Chemical		58.70
Roy Papenfus	Travel Expense	87.80
Irene Wyman	Travel Expense	9.60

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and approved. Roll Call. Welch, Lowrie, Failing, Kauffman — All Aye. Carried.

The bills of the several commissions were allowed at this time.

Patrick Harwood 125.00

Rolla M. Failing 277.00

Fred Kauffman 157.00

Joseph A. LaGrow 40.00

Edward A. Lowrie 170.00

Dean L. Welch 343.90

MOTION by Welch, second by Failing, to adjourn. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

Fred Kauffman, Chairman
Leo E. Lovely, Clerk



47 YEARS SERVICE—On Monday, February 2nd, at the Kiwanis Club meeting, Louie Baur was presented a plaque and a C.B. radio in appreciation of his 47 years of service to Vroom & Son by Ronald Dykstra, representing the company. Vroom & Son is a common carrier for the A & P stores.

Winter Sports

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experienced cross country skiers from the area. Other activities for the blind visitors have also been planned, including visits to the Fred Bear Museum and Hartwick Pines Logging Camp.

The cross country race will encourage the students to better their own times established in a preliminary race. The preliminary race will be held at 10:30 a.m. and the finals at 3:00 p.m. on the mile route specially prepared for the racers.

Citizens of the community are volunteering their assistance by providing food and lodging for the students.

The program was developed by Mike Steele, Director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Ryan, Recreation Director of the Michigan School for the Blind; and Gus Konopnicki, local cross ski expert. Mr. Konopnicki originated the idea and will coordinate training and race activities.

Snowmobilers are kindly requested to refrain from using the area immediately surrounding the Grayling Winter Sports Park during the races, to avoid confusion and possible injury.

Vike Skiers In Action

Grayling skiers found recent competition tough as they dropped meets to conference foes, Charlevoix and Petoskey, while both the boys and girls squads notched victories against Sault Ste. Marie in the past two weeks.

The boys found the new point scoring system to work against them with Charlevoix. The Raiders came out with a 51-42 win, although Grayling had the fastest total time. The reason for this was that Charlevoix practically swept the first six places in giant slalom. By the same token, the Vikings defeated Grayling earlier this season even though they lost in total time

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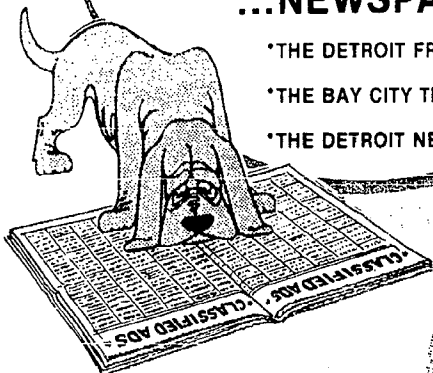
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